



Season's Greetings

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December Cover
Contest Winner-
Brandon Flynn!
(see page 3)

History Tidbits

This month in Buckley’s history...

Dec. 1951 - The Colorado Air National Guard’s 140th Fighter Wing transferred to Clovis AFB, New Mexico. During the period, Brig. Gen. Joe Moffit became the first and only Air National Guard general to command a tactical unit and base during the Korean War.

Dec. 2, 2002 - The secretary of the Air Force, the Honorable Dr. James G. Roche arrived at Buckley Air Force Base. Dr. Roche attended the annual Air National Guard conference held in Denver.

Dec. 3, 2002 - Chief Master Sgt. Randy L. Edwards, the first command chief master sergeant of the 460th Air Base Wing retired after 27 years of service to the United States Air Force. A formal military ceremony marked the chief’s retirement.

Dec. 21, 2001 - The Space-Based Infrared System (SBIRS), Buckley Air Force Base tenant unit 2nd Space Warning Squadron, and commanded by Lt. Col. Robert Gibson, became operational.

Dec. 29, 1969 - Capt. Joe O’Neil, Colorado Air National Guard’s 120th Tactical Fighter Squadron was shot down during combat operations over North Vietnam. Rescue crews recovered O’Neil near Bihn Thuy, South Vietnam.

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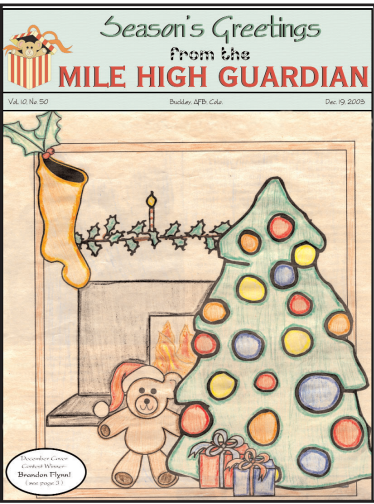
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Please use this valuable communication tool. I look forward to hearing new ideas and answering your questions.



Col. Allen Kirkman Jr.

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Colonel, USAF
Commander



About the Cover...

This year’s holiday cover was decorated by Brandon Flynn, one of Team Buckley’s younger members. The picture was designed by Staff Sgt. Tiffany Dlugi, 460th Communications Squadron. See the related story on page 3.

Buckley’s Weekend Weather Forecast



Friday: Mostly sunny

High: 59
Low: 23



Saturday: Partly cloudy

High: 56
Low: 23



Sunday: Partly cloudy

High: 47
Low: 19

Courtesy of the National Weather Service, www.weather.gov

2003 Holiday Cookie Caper hits Buckley residents

Courtesy of
460th Chaplain's office

The Holiday Cookie Caper is a program sponsored by the Buckley Chaplain's office that delivers a little holiday cheer to individuals living in the dormitory and to many others who work throughout Buckley Air Force Base.

Christin Brown, wife of Master Sgt. Curtis Brown, 460th Mission Support Squadron, is responsible for bringing the idea of a Cookie Caper to Buckley in 1994.

At that time she was a young senior airman herself, assigned to the 2nd Space Warning Squadron. She requested permission from her commander to work in conjunction with the chapel to collect cookies to deliver on Christmas Eve. The first year produced 150 bags of cookies, which she bagged and delivered to the dorm residents, who at that time were at Lowry Air Force Base.

"Each year it gets better in the amount of cookies and recipients," she said. "Each person that receives the cookies looks forward to a better holiday season because someone really cares enough to send them cookies. It is my sincere hope that this program will go on for as long as possible at Buckley Air Force Base."

The program, directed by

Debbie Cruz from the base chapel, is now in its 10th year. Each year it has grown and gotten bigger and better in the amount of cookies donated and the number of recipients who receive the homemade goodies, according to Cruz.

Many thanks to the volunteers in the community and on base who made the Cookie Caper possible by the donation of literally thousands of homemade or purchased cookies. This year over 650 dozen -- that's more than 7,200 cookies -- were donated to the Chapel.

Among this year's contributors were the ladies of St. Michael's Parish, the Buckley Spouses Group, the National Honor Society at Smoky Hill High School and many other generous individuals.

The chapel received the cookie donations throughout the day on Dec. 10. On the morning of Dec. 11, a brigade of elves arrived at the chapel, donned Santa hats and protective gloves, and working to the sound of Christmas carols, set about the task of placing at least a



Photo by Debbie Cruz

Kris Kringle pauses with Chap. (Lt. Col.) Daniel Figueroa after delivering cookies to Airman Ginette Rich, 2nd Space Warning Squadron. The Cookie Caper program was started almost 10 years ago to help give holiday cheer to dormitory residents and others at Buckley.

dozen cookies into each of the many gift bags.

After a lunch break, Santa arrived to accompany the wing chaplain, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Daniel Figueroa, and a group of volunteers to the dorm to deliver cookie bags to each person residing in the dorm.

Following the dorm distribution, many hard working individuals were surprised to hear a hearty,

"Ho, Ho, Ho" from Canadian Santa, Cpl. Ted Childerhose as he and other volunteers from the chapel distributed the remaining bags of cookies to various work centers throughout the base. Reserve IMA Chaplain (Lt. Col.) George Duncan delivered cookies to the Buckley Annex and to some of the Buckley partner associate units.

10-year-old wins Mile High Guardian's 'Holiday Coloring Contest'

By Airman 1st Class
Chris Smith
460th Public Affairs

You probably noticed the artwork on the cover of this week's edition of the *Mile High Guardian*. What's unique about it is that it was actually decorated by a 10-year-old boy that had a little free time and creativity rivaling many skilled artists.

Brandon Flynn, son of Lt. Col. Charles Flynn, director of the Mission Support Squadron at Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center, and Amy Flynn, an Air Force auditor, was the winner of the *Mile High Guardian's* Holiday Coloring Contest.

Several weeks ago, Staff Sgt. Tiffany Dlugi from the 460th Communications Squadron and Staff Sgt.

Christine Castillo from the 460th Air Base Wing Public Affairs office had the idea to have a front cover for the holiday edition of the *Mile High Guardian* that could be designed by one of the younger members of Team Buckley.

"I think it is really cool to get the children involved in the holiday spirit of Buckley," said Dlugi. "Plus, I think the winner of the contest will have a cool piece to add to his family scrapbook. How many ten-year-olds do you know who have published artwork on the front page of a newspaper? I think it's just wonderful!"

In the Nov. 21 edition of the *Mile High Guardian*, the un-decorated picture was printed on the third page for kids to color, cut out and send or bring in to

the public affairs office to enter it in the coloring contest.

After a few weeks and several entries, the time came to figure out how to decide on a winner. Approximately 70 people stopped by the public affairs office to cast their votes on which entry they thought she be on the cover of this week's *Mile High Guardian*.

Out of all the submissions received for the contest, one entry won -- Brandon Flynn's.

"I didn't think I would win because Mom said there might be a lot of entries," said Brandon. "When I did win, I was really, really, really happy because it (the artwork) was going to be in the newspaper."

Brandon wasn't the only

person that was surprised and excited upon hearing the news that he had won the contest.

"I thought it was great. He's pretty lucky considering all the submissions and stiff competition," said Lt. Col. Flynn.

"I was tickled," said Amy Flynn. "(Brandon) worked hard on it. You would have thought he'd won \$1 million by the way he was jumping around when he found out."



Photo courtesy of Amy Flynn

Brandon Flynn, winner of the *Mile High Guardian's* Holiday Coloring Contest.

Staff Sgt. Tiffany Dlugi from the 460th Communications Squadron designed the un-decorated holiday cover for the Holiday Coloring Contest.

Checking decorations helps prevent holiday accidents

By John Spann
460th Public Affairs

This month marks the traditional time of year for most of us to be putting up the holiday decorations around the house.

It is for us, and each year the wife adds a couple strings of new lights to the pile. And, I wonder how many is enough?

Personally, I would prefer to just decorate the artificial tree and a couple of the windows. Then, invite a couple of close friends over to do some simple entertaining.

Or, you can be like the neighbor down the street who likes to show his holiday spirit Las Vegas-style, with hundreds of lights flashing around every door, window, gable and garage. He competes annually with dozens of other homes for prizes and the satisfaction of lighting up the entire neighborhood.

It doesn't matter how little or how much people decorate. What does matter is they check their decorations before they place them on trees, doors and balconies. Nothing can ruin the holiday season faster than an accident or fire. A few simple safety rules can keep your holiday season happy.

According to the National Fire Safety Association, Christmas trees cause almost 500 home fires each year at a cost of more than 20 lives and \$12 million in damage. The Consumer Product Safety Commission said more than 5,000 people are hurt every year by Christmas ornaments.

A common misconception is last year's decorations will work this year. "Not always true," said Jeff

Harder, 460th Air Base Wing chief of safety, "Light strings and electric cords can fray, and bulbs break, so it's important to check them over each season."

This is especially critical for outdoor decorations. Whipping winds, snow and rain can break bulbs and sockets, fray wires and electrical cords, causing short circuits. Make sure all of your electrical decorations work properly. If there is any question about safety, don't use them.

Consumers must also watch the type of tree they decorate. Many like the aroma of a freshly cut tree while others like the convenience of artificial trees. Whatever you decide, take the necessary steps to prevent your tree from catching fire.

For those getting a real tree, buy the freshest one possible. Find one that has a strong scent of pine or spruce, is deep green in color and has needles that don't fall off at the touch.

Cut about two inches off the bottom of the tree, at an angle if the tree stand will allow it. Fill the stand with water, check it daily, and keep it filled.

Before you buy the artificial kind, check it for the flammability. Follow all safety instructions that come with the tree. Don't use electric lights or candles on an artificial metal tree; fire safety experts recommend using colored spotlights instead.

Always set a Christmas tree away from any radiators, fireplaces and heaters. Keep it away from doorways and the room's traffic pattern. Place breakable ornaments

and anything looking like food or candy on higher branches, out of reach of children and pets. Don't let unsupervised young children or pets play around the tree.

"Fire prevention also includes checking smoke detectors and keeping a fire extinguisher readily available. It might be a good time to run through the family's fire evacuation plan," added Harder.

Holiday wrapping paper might be pretty, but it quickly ignites and can cause a flash fire. After the presents are opened, quickly remove gift-wrap away from the tree area. Don't burn it or other wrapping materials in the fireplace.

Wrapping materials may also be a health hazard, said consumer experts. For example, ribbons, strings and other items could choke or strangle children or pets. Some wrapping paper inks contain lead and other toxic materials.

More holiday safety tips for the house:

- * Don't use lighted candles as dec-



Photo by Airman 1st Class Chris Smith

Airman Natalie Napier, 460th Military Personnel Flight, checks an ornament before placing it on the holiday tree in Bldg. 606.

- orations.
- * Don't place extension cords under rugs or carpets.
- * Don't plug more than three sets of lights into an extension cord.
- * Make sure all your electrical lights are certified by either the Underwriters Laboratory or Factory Mutual. Consumer labels are usually marked "UL" or "FM."
- * Don't use indoor electrical decorations outdoors – they aren't weatherproof.
- * Don't leave a fire unattended.
- * Turn off all tree lights and other electrical decorations when going to bed or leaving the house.

THE BLOTTER ENTRIES -----

Theft of Government Property
Location: Bldg. 1007

A 460th Civil Engineer Squadron employee notified the law enforcement desk that 38 used wood drill bits of various sizes were missing from a tool storage area in Bldg. 1007. He said the last time he had taken account of all the drill bits was Nov. 26. An investigation is pending.

Patrol Response
Location: Bldg. 1, Base Exchange

A military retiree notified the law enforcement desk that while using the restroom at the base exchange, he saw someone in a stall drop a black handgun on the floor and quickly pick it back up. Security forces were dispatched for assistance. The retiree described the individual as wearing faded blue trousers, white socks and light gray shoes. Security forces conducted a sweep of the BX and commissary with negative findings. The retiree completed a witness statement.

Unlocked Facility
Location: Mod. 2, Recreation Center

Security forces notified the law enforcement desk that while conducting a check of Mod. 2, the recreation center, a door on the east side of the building was found unsecure with no signs of forced entry. One patrol was dispatched for assistance. Security forces

established a cordon and completed a walk-around of the facility. The building custodian was contacted and completed an interior check of the building upon arrival. The building custodian said everything appeared to be in order and no further action was taken.

Damage to Private Property
Location: Bldg. 410, Outbound Vehicle Gate

A Buckley civilian notified the law enforcement desk that while he was exiting the outbound vehicle gate near Bldg. 410, his vehicle was struck by the gate while stopped for a pedestrian in the crosswalk. The vehicle sustained paint scratches to the rear passenger’s door and quarter panel. The paint scratches were approximately two feet in height by 3 feet in length.

Emergency Response
Location: Bldg. 28, Dormitory

The fire department notified the law enforcement desk that an engine responded to Bldg. 28, the dormitory for a fire alarm. One patrol was dispatched for assistance. The call was terminated after the fire chief determined the cause of the alarm was burnt food.

Emergency Response
Location: Bldg. 1, Base Exchange

The law enforcement desk received an unannounced alarm activation from Bldg. 1, the base

exchange. Security forces were dispatched for assistance and initiated a stop, check and pass on all inbound vehicles and closed the outbound gate. Security forces established a cordon and made contact with the food court manager who stated he was secure and properly authenticated. All other food court businesses verified their status and the response was terminated. The cause of the alarm is unknown.

Suspicious Package
Location: Bldg. 700

A security forces member from the 140th Security Forces Squadron notified the law enforcement desk that a suspicious package the size and shape of a refrigerator had been found to the west of Bldg. 700. A 1,000 foot cordon was established due to the size of the object. The response was terminated with negative findings.

Shoplifting
Location: Bldg. 1, Base Exchange

An store detective notified the law enforcement desk that he had a person in his office that he had stopped for shoplifting in the base exchange. Security forces were dispatched for assistance. The store detective informed security forces that he had observed the military dependant take several Pokemon coins out of their packages and place them into his sweater pocket and exit the store without paying.



The incident was recorded on the store’s video surveillance and the merchandise was recovered by the store detective. The subject’s identification card was confiscated and he was released to his sponsor.

Shoplifting
Location: Bldg. 1, Base Exchange

An store detective notified the law enforcement desk that he had a person in his office he had stopped for shoplifting. The detective said he saw a dependant take a video game into the dressing room and then run out of the store without paying for it. The incident was recorded on the store’s video surveillance and the merchandise was recovered by the store detective. The subject’s identification card was confiscated and he was released to his sponsor.

Buckley VIEWPOINT

"You better watch out, you better not cry...cause Santa Claus is coming to town."
--Kris Kringle

460th commander sends holiday wishes to Team Buckley

By Col. Allen Kirkman, Jr.
460th Air Base Wing commander

One of the greatest privileges I have as installation commander is sending this personal holiday greeting to the men and women of 'Team Buckley' -- military (active duty, Guard and Reserve), civil service, contractors and civilians alike. All of you make Buckley Air Force Base a true team.

This holiday season, American families will come together once again to celebrate their faith, welcome a New Year and to treasure the simple joys of life. This season also brings to mind a snow-covered landscape -- people gathered together inside by a cozy fire and warmed by the closeness of friends and families.

This will not be the typical holiday scene for many Americans in the service of our country, whether they're in uniform or coat and tie. We are well aware that being separated from our families and friends

during the holidays is part of the sacrifice we bear as the shield of the United States of America. The work we perform 24 hours a day, seven days a week,

365 days a year is absolutely vital and essential to maintaining the peace of the United States and of the world.

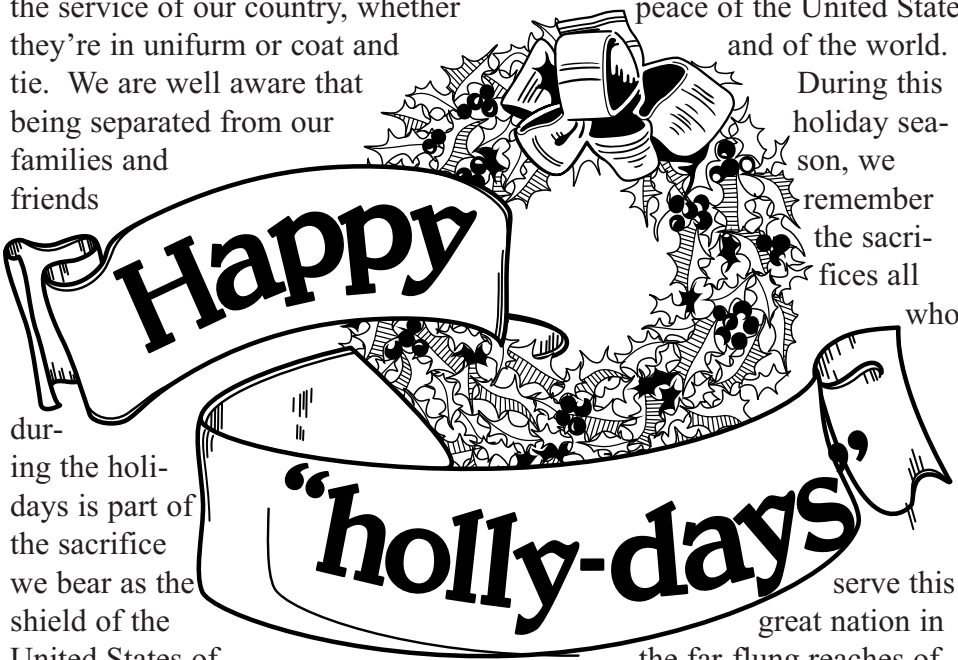
During this holiday season, we remember the sacrifices all who serve this great nation in the far-flung reaches of the globe while preserving the dignity of human life.

We remember that self-determination is a right we defend for all freedom-loving people everywhere.

We are blessed to serve with and honor those uniformed members, civilians, family members and retirees who have sacrificed their lives in the service of our great nation and those who selflessly serve in other capacities to safeguard our way of life.

It is fitting then, in this season of peace, to thank you and your families for the magnificent work you do. May 2004 be filled with every blessing that you and your families so richly deserve.

My family, Cynthia, Ashley and Ariaiah join me in sending the warmest wishes for a safe, enjoyable holiday season.



AFSPC commander thanks airmen for hard work, wishes all Happy Holidays

By Gen. Lance Lord
Commander, Air Force Space Command

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. -- As another year comes to an end, Beccy and I want to wish the men and women of Air Force Space Command a happy holiday season.

This holiday season, take a moment to reflect on the value of the gift of service you bestow to every man, woman and child in America and around the world. America thanks you for preserving the precious gift of freedom, both at home and abroad.

Your selfless dedication, courage, commitment and service, along with the sol-

diers, sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and DoD civilians, make a real difference, and I am proud to serve with each and every one of you.

This is an exciting time to be part of Air Force Space Command! We've shown the world, this year more than ever, what space forces bring to the fight. Space is critical to an essential element in the way the United States conducts military operations around the globe.

Our successes are because of you... You, the members of the AFSPC team, are responsible for our successes. You've have put in long hours,

worked hard to accomplish our assigned tasks, and many of you have deployed. During the height of Operation Iraqi Freedom, we had nearly 1,200 AFSPC personnel deployed. Today there are still more than 350 people away from home, as well as many others deployed to our missile fields. As the holidays approach, remember your deployed teammates who are bearing the burdens of freedom.

As you look forward to the coming year, remember your dedication and expertise are vital to maintaining our role as the best space and missile force the world has ever seen. Beccy and I



Photo by Master Sgt. Jeff Bohn

Gen. Lance Lord, Air Force Space Command commander, takes time out for a photo with AFSPC members deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Just left of Gen. Lord is Buckley's own Master Sgt. Jim Randall.

appreciate your efforts and wish you and yours a joyous holiday season, and

most of all a safe and prosperous 2004!

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Buckley Happenings

Military Personnel Flight

The Military Personnel Flight (MPF) customer service desk will be the home of the new Personnel/Finance customer service desk. This merger will allow all personnel to be serviced at one location rather than two separate offices.

In order to improve customer support, it will be necessary to first complete the required construction at the MPF. Beginning Dec. 8, the MPF customer service counter in Bldg. 606 will be closed while construction takes place.

The estimated date the MPF will reopen is Jan. 2.

Until the reopening of the MPF service desk, there are alternate locations for people to get their ID cards. ♦Navy Personnel Center, Bldg. 1301 Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- ♦Army Personnel Center, Fitzsimmons Bldg. 262, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
- ♦Colorado Air National Guard, Bldg. 801, Dec. 9-12, Dec. 16-19, Dec. 22-24, Dec. 29-31, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Buckley Pharmacy

The Buckley Pharmacy will be closed Dec. 25 and the 26, and Jan. 1 and 2. Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 have both been designated by Air Force Space Command as family days. These closures will allow the staff to enjoy the holidays with their families. Please plan accordingly for your prescription needs.

Mile High Guardian

The *Mile High Guardian* is now available online! Log on to

www.buckley.af.mil and click on the *Mile High Guardian* link to view current or past editions.

Story ideas are always welcome. If you have a story idea, send an e-mail to newspaper@buckley.af.mil, call us at 303-677-9431 or send us a fax at 303-677-6887. Submissions are also welcome.

Today's issue will be the last issue of the year. The first issue of 2004 will be published Jan. 9.

Thrift Shop

The following is the holiday schedule for the Buckley Thrift Shop: Tuesday - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for shopping only. Thursday - closed Dec. 30 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for shopping only Jan. 1 - closed Jan. 3 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for shopping only The Thrift Shop will be

open regular hours during January except for being closed the entire week of Jan. 12.

Services Division

People planning to attend SnoFest!!! at Keystone Resort Jan. 30 - Feb. 1 should reserve lodging as soon as possible. The cutoff date to reserve rooms blocked for SnoFest!!! is Jan. 7, so members should book right away to ensure the best rates and availability.

Everyone who stays in Keystone lodging gets a Mountain Passport good for many free activities such as day-of-arrival night skiing, a scenic sleigh ride, ice skating, snowshoeing, Nordic trail and more.

To reserve lodging call 1-800-258-0437 and mention group code GL1GSNO and your base affiliation.

The Denver Nuggets would like to show their

appreciation for all of our military members across the Front Range with a special night when military members can purchase tickets for the Denver Nuggets vs. Golden State Warriors game on Dec. 28. The discounted price for military members is just \$6. For more information call the Information Tickets and Tours office at 303-677-6853.

Military Equal Opportunity

The 460th Air Base Wing Military Equal Opportunity office is giving away free badge holders and lanyards to anyone wanting one. Just visit their office in Bldg. 606, Room 185 and pick up yours. Units wishing to also have a supply on hand for their personnel may contact 2nd Lt. Shane Skaggs at 303-677-6140.

High Frontier Dining Facility Menu (Dec. 19 - 25)

Dining hours

Breakfast: 5:30 a.m. - 8 a.m.; Lunch: 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Dinner: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Midnight Meal: 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
LUNCH	Egg drop soup Pot roast Baked stuffed fish Roast loin of pork Oven brown potatoes Steamed rice Brown gravy Cauliflower combo Succotash Green beans with mushrooms	Creole soup Teriyaki chicken Veal parmesan Salmon cakes Filipino rice Parsley butter potatoes Mushroom gravy Fried cabbage Succotash Mixed vegetables	Cream of potato BBQ ham steak Turkey and noodles Beef ball stroganoff Boiled egg noodles Mashed potatoes Brown gravy Calico corn Spinach Lima beans	Tomato bouillon Herbed baked chicken Stuffed cabbage Southern fried catfish Mashed potatoes Black-eyed peas with rice Peas Sweet potatoes Chicken/turkey gravy Sweet potatoes Mixed vegetables	Italian garden soup Mexican baked chicken Swiss steak w/ tomato sauce Stuffed green pepper Baked macaroni and cheese Steamed rice Vegetable gravy Corn on the cob Spanish style beans Peas and carrots	Pepper pot soup Crispy baked chicken Cajun meatloaf Rib-eye steak Baked potatoes Mashed potatoes Brown gravy Broccoli French style peas Glazed carrots	Chicken rice soup Roast turkey Baked ham Rib roast Au gratin potatoes Steamed rice Cream gravy Cauliflower combo Peas Fried cabbage Chicken/turkey gravy Shrimp cocktail
DINNER	Egg drop soup Chili macaroni Cannelloni beef Southern fried chicken Cottage fried potatoes Mashed potatoes Chicken/turkey gravy Steamed squash Glazed carrots French style peas Short Order: Grilled Polish sausage Steak and cheese sub	Creole soup Country captain chicken Meatloaf Turkey a la King Steamed rice Mashed potatoes Mushroom gravy Harvard baked beans Mustard greens Okra/tomato gumbo Short Order: Sloppy BBQ beef Roast beef sub	Cream of potato soup Lemon herb chicken BBQ spareribs Stuffed pork chops Scalloped potatoes Steamed rice Brown gravy Cauliflower combo Mexican rice Tempura vegetables Short Order: Cheese fishwich Monte Cristo sandwich	Tomato bouillon Roast loin of pork Jaeger w/mushroom sauce Cornish hen Potato halves Orange rice Chicken/turkey gravy Simmered pinto beans Corn combo Short Order: Cannonball sandwich Italian pepper beef sandwich	Italian garden soup Lasagna Spaghetti w/meat sauce Sweet Italian sausage Mashed potatoes Vegetable gravy Broccoli polonaise Cauliflower Italian style baked beans Short Order: BBQ pork sandwich Burritos	Pepper pot soup Fish Almondine Stir fry chicken with broccoli Pork chops w/ mushroom gravy Risssole potatoes Rice pilaf Brown gravy Fried okra Short Order: Buffalo wings Hot Italian sausage sandwich	Cream of broccoli soup Ginger BBQ chicken Fried shrimp Seafood cocktail Spinach lasagna Orange rice Mashed potatoes Cream gravy Black-eyed peas Corn O'Brien Short Order: Cheese pizza Reuben sandwich

Officers, enlisted, retirees and family members are welcome to attend the holiday lunchtime meal on Dec. 25

Star Performer

Name: Master Sgt. Jason Delrie

Unit: 460th Air Base Wing
Manpower office

Time in Service: 20 years

Duty Title: Wing Manpower non-commissioned officer in charge

Hometown: Pineville, La.

Hobbies: Reading, child-rearing, hiking, champion mud racing and modern and classical interpretive dance

How do your day-to-day duties contribute to mission success?

I work in a field that contributes to the mission of the wing and of the Air Force in a vital yet periphery and indirect support manner. Therefore, my contributions to the mission success have to be viewed with the long-term perspective.

If you could change one thing about the Air Force, what would it be?

I would like to see more emphasis on the expeditionary nature of what we do in everyday contexts.

What has been your most memorable experience in the Air Force?

When we were ramping up for Operation Desert Shield and I helped the fighter squadrons deploy. We put out an incredible effort to get them all ready and deployed in record time.

Duties, responsibilities and accomplishments:

As wing manpower NCOIC it is my responsibility to carry out the daily operations and tasks of the

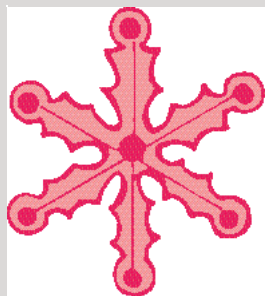


Photo by Airman 1st Class Chris Smith

Master Sgt. Jason Delrie, 460th Air Base Wing Manpower office NCOIC, has been in the Air Force for 20 years and is responsible for ensuring the commander has the best use of Manpower resources.

460th MO office and ensure the wing commander has the best use of his manpower resources.

I was the NCO of the Year at the squadron level two years in a row in 1988 and 1989.



BUCKLEY SNOW CALL/STRAIGHT TALK LINE: 303-677-SNOW

During inclement weather, this hotline is for information such as base closures or delayed reporting.

This line is also used for updates during crisis situations.

The hotline is updated by 4:30 a.m. on inclement weather days and whenever crisis situations arise.



Air Force announces wear guidance for new metallic nametag

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER, Texas —

The Air Force has established both the mandatory wear date and proper wear for the new metallic nametag on service dress uniforms.

According to personnel officials, effective Jan. 1, the nametag must be worn on the wearer’s right side of the service dress jacket with the bottom of the nametag level with the bottom of the

ribbons. It should be centered between the sleeve seam and the lapel.

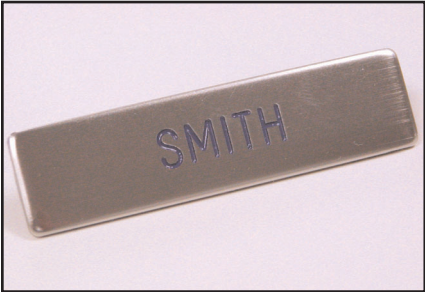
If a duty badge is worn on the wearer’s right side of the service dress jacket, men will center the badge a

half-inch below the new nametag; women will cen-

ter the badge a half-inch above the new nametag. An exception is when a com-

mand insignia is worn by either men or women, then the command insignia is worn

either a



half-inch above or below the nametag and the duty

badge is worn either a half-inch above or below the command insignia, depending on whether the individual is a current or former commander.

When the maternity jumper is worn as the maternity service dress, the nametag should be centered on the right side and placed even to, or 1 1/2 inches higher or lower than, the first exposed button.

The nametag will also

be worn on all pullover sweaters on the wearer’s right side with the bottom of the nametag level centered between the middle of the sleeve seam and the seam of the neckline. It will not be worn on the cardigan sweater.

For more information, Air Force members should contact their mission support squadron at 303-677-6584 or military personnel flight at 303-677-9159.

Big changes in works for Finance, Military Personnel Flight

By Maj. Donald Clocksin
460th Comptroller Flight
commander

You may have noticed the construction going on at the military personnel flight (MPF) customer service desk. This is phase one of a project designed to merge both Finance and MPF customer service functions. These two organizations must work closely together to ensure members' entitlements are correct.

By consolidating the service, customer problems will be identified and addressed at one location. This will eliminate the need to go across the base to resolve an issue involving either Finance or the MPF.

In addition, personnel from both sections will gain a better appreciation for the requirements of the other section. This should strengthen our professional working relationship and ultimately ensure better service for all our customers.

The merger is just one of many new programs in Finance. Hopefully by now, you have heard about and are using myPay. If not, you are really missing out on a useful tool capable of providing your finance information directly to you in a timely manner. Getting started on myPay is easy. Simply e-mail Staff Sgt. Tim Modjeski at timo-

thy.modjeski@buckley.af.mil or come into the finance office and we will assist you.

Once on myPay, you will be able to access your mid-month pay and leave and earnings statement (LES) days before you receive a hardcopy. In fact, with myPay, you can turn off your hardcopy and save the Air Force money. You will be able to print your midmonth pay statement and LES directly from your computer. You will even be able to access pay information from home or while you are on a temporary duty assignment (TDY). If you are not a myPay user, get with the program and sign-up today. For deploying personnel, signing up for myPay is a requirement.

The next big change in finance is the Defense Travel System (DTS), coming in March. Buckley commanders have already seen the preliminary briefing on this new travel system. Some of you may have even used something similar

at a previous base. Basically, DTS creates an automated travel system that electronically handles the entire process from TDY request to travel voucher settlement. The days of walking documents through finance to get orders processed or to file your voucher are gone. With DTS, you will be able to complete the entire process from

your computer. You will see more information on this new program in the upcoming months. Your Financial Services office is here to serve you. We look forward to putting these and other innovations to work to enhance our capabilities and provide all of our customers with more accurate and timely service.

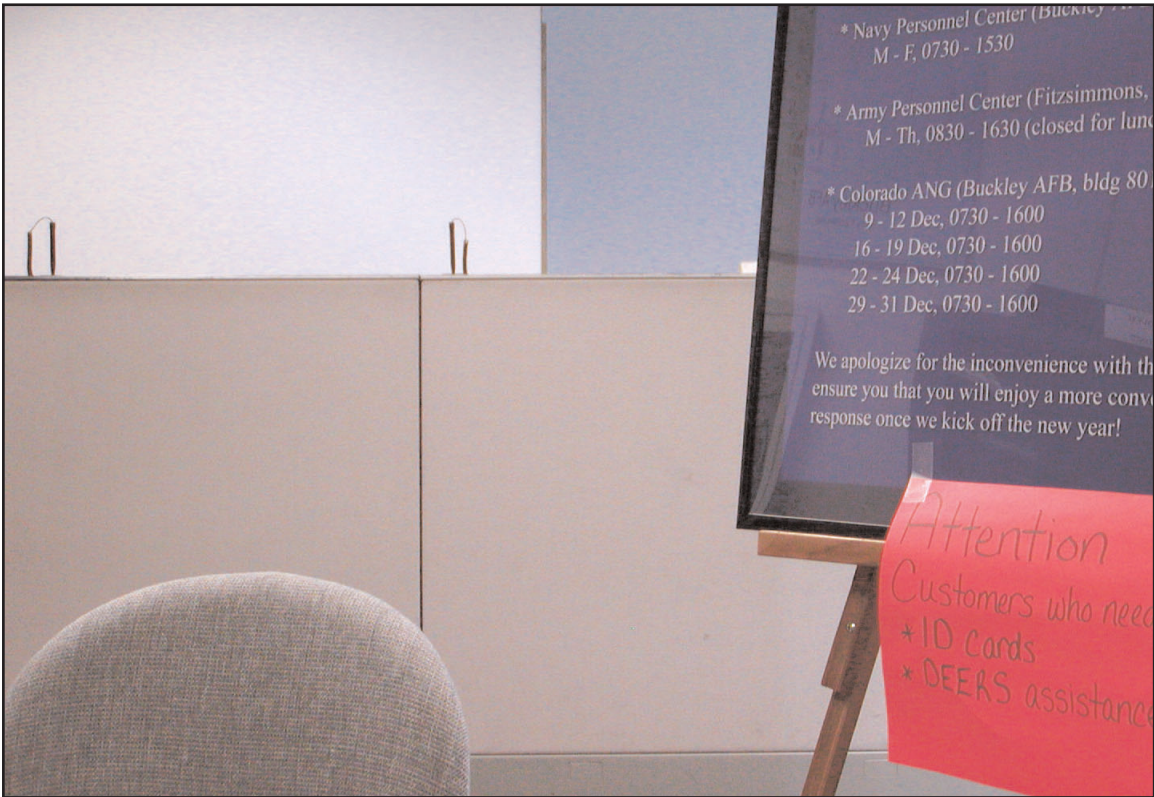


Photo by Airman 1st Class Chris Smith

The sight of an empty office and a sign telling customers where to go for identification cards is what people are seeing in the MPF customer service desk lately since the start of the customer service merger.

Ten great reasons to quit smoking never start again

Courtesy of
460th HAWC

You know the facts as you reach for your cigarettes. Perhaps you contemplate them for a moment as you light up. Heart disease, lung cancer, emphysema ... still, you inhale deeply. All 401 poisons and 43 cancer-causing chemicals, as you knowingly beckon the Grim Reaper closer.

If the threat of death won't convince you, maybe something else can prompt you to quit smoking: good old-fashioned vanity. In addition to cutting your lifespan, when you smoke, you also hurt one of the most important things we use to judge each other — our appearance. Here are 10 good reasons to give up the habit.

No. 1: Facial wrinkles

The first thing smoking will not do is give you the eyes and lips of a model. Crows feet and wrinkled cheeks. Vertical lines around your mouth. That's the true picture. Fact: Smoking reduces the flow of oxygen and nutrients to skin cells by shrinking blood vessels. Say hello to premature wrinkling that is largely irreversible. This one may worry women more than men, but read on.

No. 2: Impotence

A 26-year-old Web developer in

Seattle states, that if he doesn't defeat his three-year pack-a-day habit, something very near and dear to him may stop working in the future — not good news for men or women.

Fact: Smoking reduces the blood flow necessary to attain an erection. As many as one in two American men older than 40 have experienced impotence to some degree. Smoking is believed to be one of the main physical causes of erectile dysfunction.

No. 3: Stained teeth, bad breath

Lips are made for kissing, right? But what if the mouth behind them is filled with stained teeth and bad breath?

Fact: Particles from cigarette smoke stain teeth brown and yellow, and they trap odor-producing bacteria in your mouth. Gum disease and tooth loss also are common in smokers. Not attractive.

No. 4: You — and your general vicinity — stink

Yes, you really, really do. Maybe you're so used to smoking that you can't tell. Maybe your nasal passages are so damaged that your nose doesn't work properly anyway. But ask a non-smoking friend for an honest answer about the way you, your car and your home smell. The ugly answer: They all stink.

Fact: Cigarette smoke has an unpleasant odor that lingers on everything from skin and hair to clothing and curtains. The scent does not turn on friends and lovers.

No. 5: Brittle bones

Risk factors for the crippling condition of osteoporosis are well-known these days: There is being female, white or Asian, inactive and past menopause.

Then there is having a small frame, calcium deficiency and genetic predisposition. They all are contributors to low bone-mineral density. And so is smoking. Fact: A 1997 study that looked at 4,000 hip fractures in elderly women concluded that one out of every eight fractures was due to smoking-related bone loss. Once lost, bone density cannot be fully recovered.

No. 6: Depression
Let's get philosophical for a moment: Why do you smoke? Fisher of the American Lung Association believes there's a good

chance you're stressed or depressed. "People who are unemployed or going through a divorce often smoke," he says, adding that even if you're not distressed, smoking makes you look like you are.

Fact: The connection between smoking and depression has been well established.

Smoking may make you appear more troubled than cool. And it can't take the place of a good therapist.

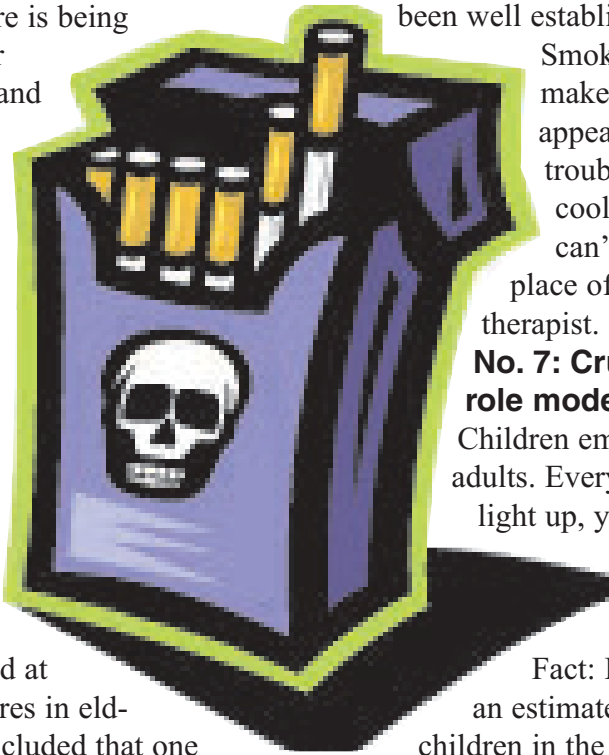
No. 7: Crummy role model

Children emulate adults. Every time you light up, you tell kids around you that smoking is okay.

Fact: Every day, an estimated 3,000 children in the U.S.

become addicted to cigarette smoking. If they keep smoking, 1,000 of them eventually will die from diseases connected to their addiction. Anti-tobacco organizations claim cigarette companies deliberately target children in their advertising campaigns. If you smoke, you're a

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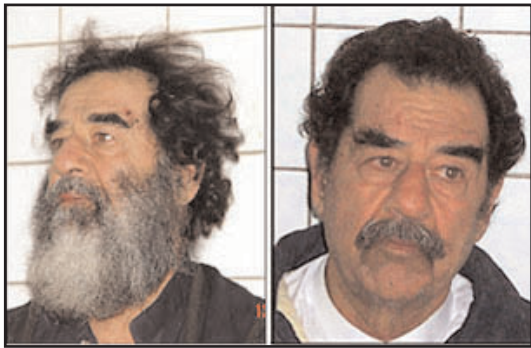
Army’s 4th Infantry captures Saddam Hussein near Tikrit

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — With three words – “We got him” – Ambassador L. Paul Bremer III announced at a press briefing in Baghdad Sunday that U.S. forces had captured Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein near his hometown of Tikrit.

Saddam was taken into custody at a small mud-walled compound outside the village of Adwar at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 13.

About 600 members of the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, along with special operations forces, launched Operation Red Dawn after receiving intelligence that Saddam was in the area, said Army Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of coalition forces in the country.



Department of Defense photos

Photos of Saddam Hussein shown during a briefing at the Iraqi Forum in Baghdad on Sunday.

Bremer, the coalition administrator, said it was a “great day” in Iraq’s history. “For decades, hundreds of thousands of you suffered at the hands of this cruel man,” he said. “For decades, Saddam Hussein divided citizens against each other. For decades, he threatened and attacked your neighbors. Those days are over forever.”

The ambassador called on Iraqis to look to the future. He urged those who supported Saddam to reexamine their views and cooperate to build a new Iraq. “Your future has never been more full of hope,” he said.

Sanchez described the operation that captured Saddam. The general said it was a cordon-and-search operation, and coalition forces sustained no casualties. In fact, he said, coalition forces never fired a shot.

“For the last several months, a combination of human intelligence tips, exceptional intelligence analytical efforts and detainee interrogations narrowed down the activities of

Saddam Hussein,” Sanchez said.

Sanchez said intelligence pointed to two likely spots where Saddam could be hiding. He said the Americans struck with lightning speed under cover of darkness. The troops initially did not find Saddam. “As a result, the 1st Brigade Combat Team elected to cordon the area and conduct an extensive search,” Sanchez said. “Coalition forces subsequently found a suspicious location.”

In the search, U.S. forces dis-

covered a “spider hole.” “After uncovering the spider hole, a search was conducted and Saddam Hussein was found hiding at the bottom of the hole,” Sanchez said. “Saddam was captured without resistance.”

Coalition forces moved the former Iraqi dictator to a secure area, and he has undergone medical tests and questioning. Bremer said Saddam was “cooperative and talkative.”



Photo by Staff Sgt. Steven Pearsall

U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, Paul Bremer watches the video of Saddam Hussein going through his medical examination shortly after his capture while it was being briefed to the media gathered at the Iraqi Forum in Baghdad on Sunday.

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walking billboard for these companies.

No. 8: Fire!
Fact: Fires caused by lighted tobacco products are the leading cause of fire deaths in the U.S. During the 1980s, smoking materials started more than 200,000 fires every year and killed more than 1,000 people, while injuring 3,000 more

and causing more than \$300 million in property damage. If death by fire doesn’t impress you, surely you can recall at least one time your cigarette burned a hole in your precious silk suit or cashmere sweater

No. 9: Poor circulation
Drooling, paralysis, loss of speech ... There’s nothing pretty about becoming the victim of a stroke.

Fact: Red blood cells are designed to carry oxygen throughout the body. In smokers, oxygen molecules are displaced by the components of cigarette smoke, blocking the transfer of life-giving oxygen. If you’ve convinced yourself that stroke is an extreme or unlikely consequence of your habit, there is premature heart disease

to slow you down.

No. 10: You look stupid
Given the prevalence of smoking education in our culture, it could be said that smokers must have a lack of oxygen to the brain. In fact, as you read above, they do. But no matter how a smoker justifies his or her addiction, this is the simple, indisputable truth: Just like

the slogan says, smoking kills. It makes the habit look kind of silly overall, doesn’t it? Ready to Quit? Call you PCM (Primary Care Manager/Provider) know at the 460 MDS Clinic at 303-677-6467. Need more information on Tobacco Cessation Program? Call the Health and Wellness Center at 303-677-6414.

Huge wreath honors all servicemembers from all branches

By Army Master Sgt. Bob Haskell
National Guard Bureau

AUGUSTA, Maine — A Maine man is looking for photos of service-members from across the country who are engaged in homeland defense and the war against terrorism. He said he wants to attach the photos to a giant Christmas wreath that will be illuminated with 10,000 lights in Maine’s capitol city every night through the rest of this holiday season.

The giant wreath, perhaps the largest one ever made, was lighted for the first time Dec. 13.

The wreath is a tribute to American servicemembers everywhere, said Augusta resident Corey Folsom. He is the chief designer for the wreath of evergreen boughs that measures 150 feet across and 496 feet around. It is also decorated with about 2,000 yellow ribbons.

It easily beats a 17-foot, 10.5-inch wreath, made of 5,983 plastic cups, which Guinness World Records lists as the largest Christmas wreath.

So far, about 100 photographs of Maine National Guard members and others in uniform, who are serving in this country and abroad, are attached to the wreath. It sits on a sloped piece of ground above Augusta just outside Camp Keyes, headquarters for the Maine National Guard.

Folsom said he would attach all photos of American servicemembers that are sent to him through

the end of December. His address is 6 Flag Street, Augusta, Maine 04330. The photos should be laminated to protect them from the weather.

“This wreath is for (service-members) everywhere,” Folsom said.

About 1,100 members of the Maine National Guard are on active duty, or are about to be deployed, during this holiday season, said Maine Guard spokesman Maj. Peter Rogers.
(Courtesy of Air Force Print News Service)



Photo by Army Master Sgt. Angela Blevins

AUGUSTA, Maine -- A Christmas wreath that is 150 feet across and 496 feet around sits outside the Maine National Guard headquarters here, in tribute to servicemembers engaged in the war against terrorism.

460th HAWC invites all to join the ‘Holiday Maintain Campaign’

Courtesy of
460th HAWC

Holiday parties, family get-togethers, office luncheons—food, food is everywhere; it all looks so yummy. Most Americans gain weight during the holidays.

In fact, half of all weight gained annually is during the holidays! Holiday eating should be pleasurable, but it can challenge even the best eating and fitness habits.

Be mindful, think ahead so you don’t regret those extra five pounds later. Take the

following holiday quiz to determine your risk for gaining weight during this joyous season.

1. Do you go to a party hungry?
2. Do you find yourself standing over the food table?
3. Do you tend to clean your plate even when you’re no longer hungry?
4. Do you consume more than two servings of alcohol at a party (serving=12 oz beer, five ounces of wine or two ounces of liquor)
5. Do you forget about exercising during the holiday sea-

son except for shopping?

If you answered yes to these questions, there’s a good chance that you’ll need a larger size in January. Follow these tips for the “holiday maintain campaign.”

1. Have a small snack before going to holiday gatherings such as a glass of juice or a piece of fruit. Curbing your appetite will prevent you from going overboard once you get there.
2. Survey the food table before diving in. Make your choices and socialize away from the table. Remember

that any buffet is not likely your last, there are always more.

3. Shift the focus from meat by choosing plenty of appetizing grain, fruit and vegetable dishes. Eat slowly. Listen to your stomach and when you feel slightly full, stop eating.
4. Limit your alcohol to two servings per day. Alcohol can also stimulate your appetite, break down your resolve to eat healthfully, and can be a significant source of empty calories.
5. Drink eight to 10 glasses of water each day.

6. Continue to schedule exercise in your calendar despite your busy schedule.

Quick 15- minute walks are a great way to burn extra calories. Not only will it help you control weight gain but also manage holiday stress.

7. Enjoy all foods, expand your taste with new foods, just don’t over do it!

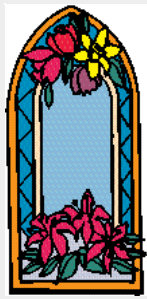
For more information on managing your weight during the holidays, contact the Health and Wellness Center at 303-677-6414. Make the commitment now to save yourself the worry later!



Photo by Staff Sgt. Arian Nead

Maj. Gen. Michael A. Hamel, 14th Air Force commander meets with students from the Airman Leadership school here. The general was visiting Buckley to spend time and speak with members of the 460th Air Base Wing and Team Buckley. Maj. Gen. Hamel also toured base facilities and the Buckley annex, and congratulated 14th Air Force award winners.

Buckley Chapel Schedule



Worship Services and Religious Education

Protestant

Sunday: Bible study, 9.a.m.; Contemporary worship service, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Aerospace Data Facility Bible study,

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., ADF conference room C.
Wednesday: Singles dorm fellowship: 5 p.m., dormitory lobby.
The Protestant Christmas service will be held Dec. 25 at 4 p.m.

Catholic

Saturday: Confession,

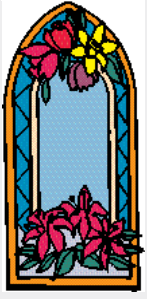
2:30 p.m.; Mass, 3 p.m.
The Catholic Christmas Mass will be held Dec. 25 at 10 a.m.

Other Faith Groups

Please contact the base chapel at 303-677-6411 for information on local and regional faith groups.

Special events

Fellowship luncheon: Second Wednesday of each month, from 12 to 12:45 p.m for food, fellowship and a brief devotion.



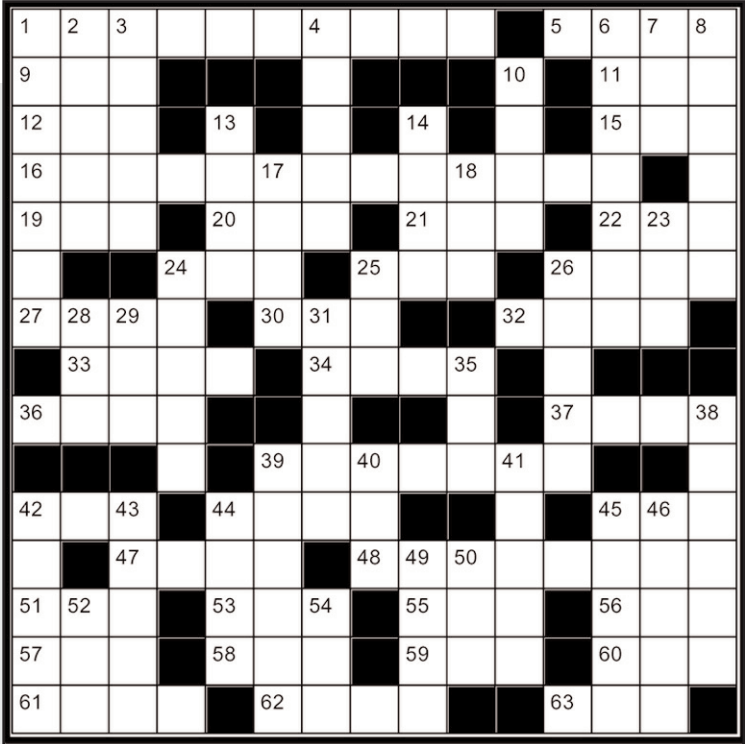
Crossword -- Happy Holidays

ACROSS

- 1. Christmas Eve visitor
- 5. Item used to decorate Christmas presents
- 9. Referring to the environment
- 11. Stereo button (abbrev.)
- 12. Military commander's place of control (abbrev.)
- 15. Female sheep
- 16. Christmas present cover
- 19. Terminate
- 20. Anger
- 21. Glimpse
- 22. Dally
- 24. Water
- 25. News org. founded by Turner
- 26. School subject
- 27. Top
- 30. Compass direction
- 32. Deal with
- 33. 1 ACROSS tool to control reindeers
- 34. Eras
- 36. Item left for 1 ACROSS
- 37. Item needed for a white Christmas
- 39. Wash
- 42. Housing extension
- 44. Items 1 ACROSS delivers
- 45. Skillful
- 47. European currency
- 48. How 1 ACROSS gets into homes
- 51. By way of
- 53. ____ out a living
- 55. Tree
- 56. JLo scent
- 57. Mistake
- 58. German one
- 59. Tarzan once
- 60. Charged particle
- 61. Rational
- 62. One more (Latin)
- 63. Branch of DoD

DOWN

- 1. Kelp
- 2. Tree starter
- 3. Military org. that tracks 1 ACROSS
- 4. Actor Greene
- 6. Protrude
- 7. Amaze
- 8. 1 ACROSS method of transportation
- 10. Back of the neck
- 13. Andy's boy
- 14. Ajar
- 17. Mideast country
- 18. Writer Rand
- 23. Dined
- 24. Time piece maker
- 25. Company head (abbrev.)
- 26. Symbol of Alaska?
- 28. USAF military inspection (abbrev.)
- 29. Director Brooks
- 31. Rap artist who released Country Grammar
- 35. Male offspring
- 38. Holmes' assistant
- 39. Item left for 1 ACROSS
- 40. Keyboard key
- 41. Rat Pack _____ Davis Jr.
- 42. 1 ACROSS helpers
- 43. Catch on
- 44. Where 1 ACROSS puts 44 ACROSS
- 45. Type of American naval ship; ____ cruiser
- 46. Support
- 49. Part of the foot
- 50. Sick
- 52. A Gershwin
- 54. Lord of the Rings character



By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman

Solutions to last week’s puzzle...

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Outdoor Recreation brings Poker Run to the Front Range

Brian Cook
Special Programs Director

Ace, king, club, spade...we would like to invite the Buckley community to join outdoor recreation and Information Tickets and Tours (ITT) on their first Poker Run.

The Poker Run is designed to allow individuals and families a day visiting some of the most popular and beautiful cities in northern Colorado with a little card playing twist.

"Everyone has seen Poker Runs on motorcycles and on hot rods and now we want to bring this idea to the Colorado mountains," said Cliff Carroll, outdoor recreation director.

The Poker Run is scheduled to leave Buckley Air Force Base at 8 a.m. on Jan. 10. Participants may take their own vehicle, carpool or utilize the bus transportation that will be provided. Teams will then travel to seven different locations across the Front Range and during each stop they will receive one playing card.

The exciting destinations include:

♦Golden Gate State Park - Take a drive

through the scenic park and learn about what resources and opportunities are offered there.

♦Blackhawk - Here the run will stop to allow participants to experience the atmosphere and offerings of this modern "gaming-town."

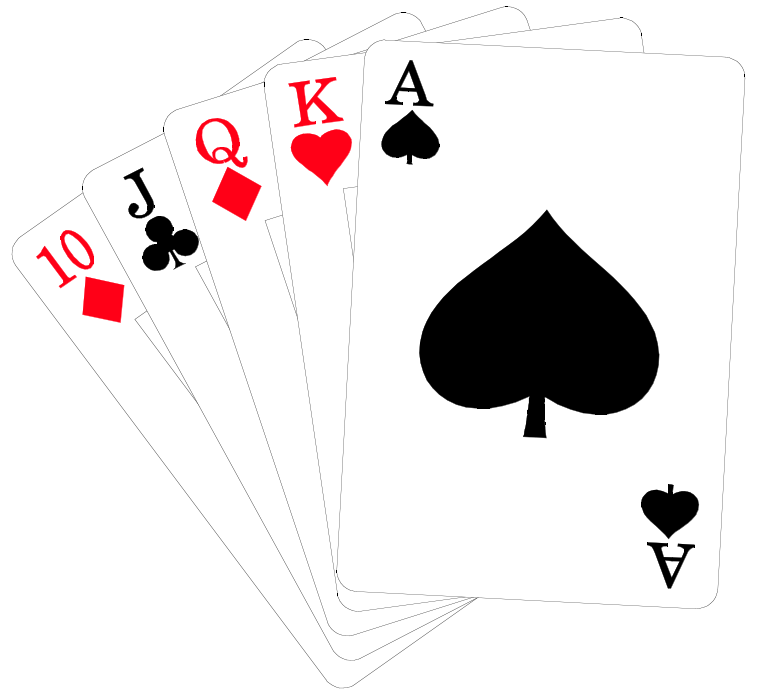
♦Idaho Springs - The run will make it through this beautiful area where everyone can stop, have lunch and do some shopping.

♦Georgetown - Drive through historic downtown and get a brief history of the culture.

♦Silverplume - Participants will stop at The Loop train station for a scenic photo opportunity and a short background of the town.

♦Loveland Summit - A great opportunity to have your photograph taken at the 11,990 foot high summit of Loveland Pass.

♦Keystone Mountain Resort - End the tour with this beautiful town where participants can walk and shop the River Run where SnoFest!!! 2004 will be held.



When the Poker Run arrives at Keystone at the conclusion of the day, participants walk away with more than just a great experience, they will also receive prizes for the best poker hands.

For more information on this or any other Outdoor Recreation events, call 303-677-6101.

ATTENTION SKIERS:

The Front Range Military Ski Team has started the 2003-2004 season. The Team is looking for skiers who have had some racing experience or are strong, recreational skiers. The team is a member of a weekend ski race group called TeamSki Inc., which sponsors seven weekend races at Keystone, Steamboat Springs, Loveland, Winter Park,

Copper Mountain, A-Basin and Beaver Creek. TeamSki is a program for adult recreational skiers who live in the front range cities. The minimum age to race is 18 and the age range last year was 18 to 69. Racers take two runs, one on each side of the parallel courses. To race on the Military Ski Team racers must be military members, active duty, Reserve or National Guard, DoD civilians, family members of either group or retired from either group. For more information call Maj. Dan Wilson from Peterson AFB at 719-554-9189 or Maj. Andy Thorburn from Buckley AFB, at 303-677-6721 and visit www.teamski.com.

A Very Special Thank You...

The community activities center and the entire services division would like to thank all of those individuals and corporations that contributed to make the Thanksgiving Social a success. Special thanks to Qdoba and the Colorado Avalanche for their support of Buckley Air Force Base and its troops.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Chris Smith

Melissa Seeley from Qdobas and Col. Thomas Berardinelli, 460th Air Base Wing vice commander, present Vera Parker with two Colorado Avalanche tickets at the Thanksgiving Social.

SnoFest!!!

14th Annual Military Snow Sports Weekend

Jan. 30 - Feb. 1, 2004

Keystone Resort

For more information, call 303-677-6853

SnoFest!!! features much more than world-class skiing and snowboarding. Fabulous lodging, parties, giveaways, races, hilarious cardboard derby, sleigh rides, tubing, ice skating and more. Even tours and shopping for the non-skiers. All at heavily discounted prices!

The 14th annual military snow sports weekend will be Jan. 30, 31 and Feb. 1 at Keystone

Resort. Participating bases include the Air Force Academy, Buckley Air Force Base, Peterson AFB, Schriever AFB, Warren AFB and Fort Carson.

Check out the Keystone Mountain Passport for all the free and discounted activities. This passport is free to all Keystone lodging guests. Other SnoFest!!! daily participants may pur-

chase it for \$35. All arrangements that require reservations must be coordinated through Keystone Activities at 1-800-354-4FUN. Passport activities include day-of-arrival night skiing, a scenic sleigh ride, ice skating, snowshoeing, Nordic trail fee and much more...

We'll see you on the slopes!

Lift tickets and lodging

Ski lift tickets

Lift Tickets at great SnoFest!!! prices will be available beginning Nov. 1 at the Buckley ITT office located in Mod. 2. Lift tickets will also be available during the weekend at the Mountain House Silverthorne Room and Friday and Saturday only at the River Run Day Lodge. Prices are as follows:

\$31 Adult (13 years and older)

\$19 Children (five-12 years)

Under four years, free

Lodging

SnoFest!!! lodging is heavily discounted: Rates start at just \$104 per night (plus taxes and surcharge) for a family of four! Choose from studios and hotel rooms or 1-, 2- and 3

bedroom condos.

All lodging guests receive a free Keystone Mountain Passport that entitles guests to a variety of free or discounted activities at the resort, including ice skating on the world's largest outdoor groomed lake (they use a Zamboni!)

It just gets better! Keystone lodging guests also receive 15 percent discount at all Keystone-owned cafeterias. Book early (no later than Jan. 7) for best rates and availability. Call 1-800-258-0437 and mention group code GL1GSNO and your base affiliation.

For off-resort lodging, call Colorado R&R at 719-333-7367, or visit the website at ColoradoRandR.com or contact your base ITT/ITR.

What about the races?

NASTAR ski & snowboard racing

Grab your skis or snowboard for some great competition on the NASTAR course off the Flying Dutchman run accessed by the River Run gondola. You don't need to be a super skier to have a blast.

The NASTAR races are free to all qualified participants through sponsorship by Scotch Brand Tapes.

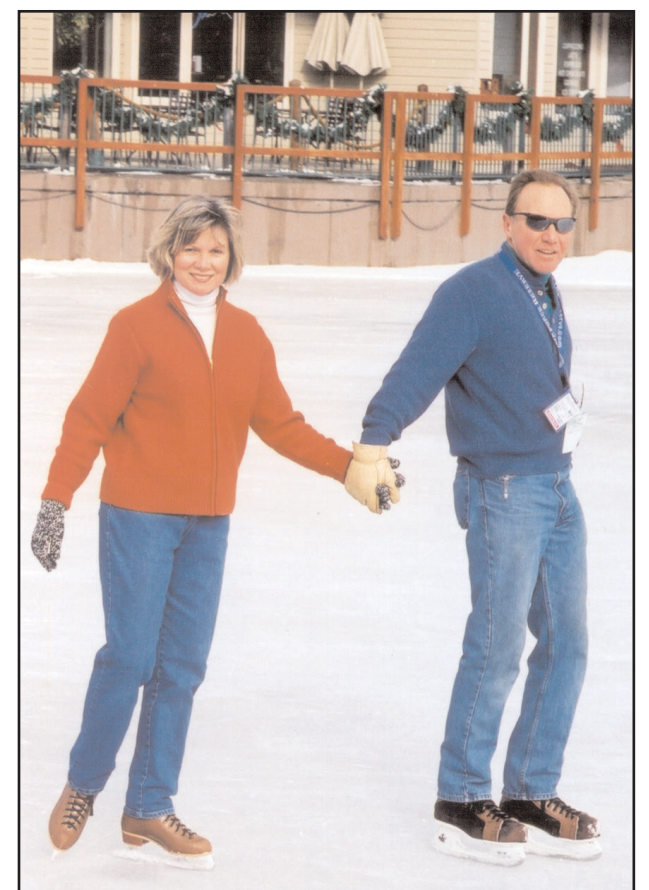
An Olympic-style award ceremony for the races will take place at 3 p.m. on Friday and Saturday in front of the hospitality tent. Friday's Commander's Challenge Broken Tip Award winners will be announced at Friday's party.

Friday & Saturday Races

Friday Races: 10 a.m. to noon. Commander's Cup Race for individual and team competition. Each participant takes two runs with NASTAR handicapping in numerous ski and board categories. Teams race for bragging rights. Reigning champs to be dethroned are from Peterson AFB.

Noon-1 p.m. Commander's Challenge Broken Tip Race for each installation commander and three hand-picked team members. Buckley's commander hopes to retain this trophy!

Friday's registration: Racers must register at their ITT/ITR by Jan. 21 for guaranteed participation and check in on race day in the



NASTAR teams will be racing to beat the current champs, Peterson AFB.

Mountain House Silverthorne Room from 8-9 a.m. Friday. Race-day registration is possible, but only on a space-available basis. Bibs will be assigned on race day. Each racer must complete two runs in the time allowed.

Saturday Races: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Youth, family and cadet ski and snowboard races on the NASTAR course. Times will be handicapped. Check in on race day at the Mountain House Silverthorne Room from 8-9:30 a.m.

For complete details, race rules, and registration, see your base ITT/ITR office or Outdoor Recreation Center.

Parties and Cardboard Derby

Friday & Saturday Parties

Come party with friends, family and co-workers. Win over \$20,000 worth of prizes, enjoy a scrumptious buffet, cash bar and entertainment by Tops in Blue.

Friday's party is a Yankee Doodle celebration so wear your red, white and blue.

Saturday's party is a Tropical Luau; wear your Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts. Both parties are held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Columbine Room at the Keystone Conference Center.

The Air Force's premier touring entertainers, Tops in Blue, will be performing its 50th Anniversary Show immediately following both Friday and Saturday nights' party at 8 p.m. in the same room. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. for those not attending the parties. Ticket holders must be seated by 7:45 p.m., at which time non-ticket holders will fill the empty seats.

The parties and Tops in Blue shows require separate tickets, but attendance at the parties is not required to attend Tops in Blue. Guests not attending Tops in Blue will depart the party prior to 7:30 p.m.

All tickets available at your Buckley ITT on a first-come, first-served basis until Jan. 7. Party tickets are \$12 and will not be sold at the door. Tickets for Tops in Blue are free.

Cardboard Derby

Be part of the Cardboard Derby experience with the most fun you'll have in a cardboard vehicle! Both competitors and spectators have



Cardboard Derby participants push off and start the race down the slope in their homemade derby vehicle. People can build derby vehicles at home or on site.

a ball!

The derby will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, on the Discovery slope just west of the Mountain House, Ski School and Children's Center. Trophies will be awarded on the slope immediately following the derby.

Any group, family or individuals may enter. Derby entries must be built only with cardboard, tape, paper, rope and paint. Trophies will be awarded for closest to target, most creative, and best engineered in family, youth,

organization and cadet categories.

Build it at home and bring it, or build it at SnoFest!!! Supplies will be provided for you at no cost, starting at 1 p.m. Saturday on the Discovery Slope. Register for the Derby between 1 and 3 p.m. in the SnoFest!!! hospitality area in the Mountain House Silverthorne Room. It's hard to say who has more fun at the Cardboard Derby - the participants or the spectators. But whether you're 8 or 80, you're guaranteed to leave with a smile.

Don't forget the kids and other activities

Youth Activities

SnoFest!!! youth staffs have planned a weekend of activities to thrill even the most discriminating teens. A full slate of fun, supervised activities are planned for teens ages 13-18. Buses will transport the teens for a weekend that will feature overnight accommodations, swimming, games, sports, snacks, contests, etc. Teen participation will be limited. Be sure to sign up as soon as possible – again, no later than Jan. 7 – at the Buckley Community Activities Center or by calling Tamiko Thomas at 303-677-9337.

Trips and Tours

Non-skiers are an important part of SnoFest!!! On Friday and Saturday, ITT will be taking non-skiers on tours from Keystone to the Silverthorne Outlet Mall or to Breckenridge for shopping and sightseeing, a mine tour and the International Ice Sculpture Contest and Festival.

In addition, on Friday an optional tour will go to the Hot Sulfur Springs Resort and Spa, and on Saturday a tour will visit the Glenwood Springs Hot Springs and Vapor Caves. Tours depart the SnoFest!!! hospitality tent at Keystone at 9 a.m. and return there at 4 p.m. A non-refundable \$5 fee per day covers trans-



Teens can have fun at SnoFest!!! also. A weekend of activities is planned to keep everyone, including those who aren't winter sport enthusiasts, happy.

portation and a box lunch. Tour participants must sign up at their ITT/ITR no later than Jan. 27. If you're not a winter sports enthusiast, you won't be left out in the cold.

SnoFest!!!

Keeping You Posted...

Child Development Center - Bldg. 725
Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday and Holidays: Closed

Drop-in Care

The Child Development Center (CDC) has daily openings for drop-in care on a space-available basis. Parents can call the CDC by 8 a.m. each morning to request same-day care. Use from one to nine hours of care to go to appointments, attend meetings, run errands or simply step out for a day of fun. For more information, call Aurora at 303-677-6175.

Outdoor Recreation - Bldg. T-12 (Mod. 2)
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday and Holidays: Closed

Santa Suit

Outdoor Recreation has a Santa and Mrs. Claus suits that are available for rent during the holiday season. They rent for \$25.00 a day and can be reserved by calling Outdoor Recreation

Ski Shuttle Schedule

Outdoor Recreation provides shuttles to the mountains for week-ends filled with skiing and snowboarding adventures. Contact Outdoor Recreation to make your reservations today!

Dec. 20	Copper Mountain	Adult \$20 Child \$18
Dec. 27	Winter Park	Adult \$18 Child \$16

Trip Opportunities

The Outdoor Recreation staff offers custom-made trip packages for groups. If you have a group interested in visiting the mountains, a local attraction, or any other activity, let Outdoor Recreation help with the transportation - Call today!

Volunteer Opportunities

Outdoor Recreation is looking for volunteers to help with several programs. This gives individuals the chance to participate in their favorite activities while sharing their knowledge and experience with others. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, let us know!

For more information on outdoor recreational activities and equipment rentals, call 303-677-9609 or 303-677-6101.

Fitness Center - Bldg. 30
Monday - Friday: 5 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday and Holidays: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

For information on any activities or programs, please call the Fitness

Center at 303-677-6144 or 303-677-6679.

ITT - Bldg. T-12 (Mod 2)
Monday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays: Closed

Denver Nuggets
Military Appreciation Night

The Denver Nuggets would like to show their appreciation for all of our military members across the Front Range with a special night just for you. All military personnel can purchase tickets for the Denver Nuggets vs. Golden State Warriors game on Dec. 28 for the discounted price of only \$6. Tickets can be purchased through the Buckley ITT. For more information, call 303-677-6853.

Community Activities Center - Bldg. T-12 (Mod 2)
Monday - Friday 8a.m. - 5p.m.
Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays: Closed

Holiday Social

Visit the Community Activities Center at 11:00 a.m. today for a Holiday Celebration. They will be offering refreshments and door prizes. Also, Col. Allen Kirkman Jr., 460th Air Base Wing commander, will take this opportunity to present prizes to our winners of the Holiday Card Contest. For more information, contact Tamiko Thomas at 303-677-9337.

Comedy Show

Dinner and a Show! The Buckley Community Activities Center is excited to host Comics Express and their Love-N-Laughter performance just in time for Valentine's Day. Save Friday, Feb. 6 as a wonderful time to bring loved ones to laugh at this humorous look at relationships through the eyes of some of the best comics in the country. Stay tuned for further details!

Human Resources - Bldg. T-12 (Mod 2)
Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays - Closed

The Non-appropriated Fund (NAF) Human Resource Office (HRO) is located in Bldg. T-12 (Mod 2) and is currently taking applications for NAF position vacancies. The NAF HRO maintains these applications in an Applicant Supply File (ASF) for 90 days. Applications will be accepted for vacant and non-vacant positions. To hear the latest job listings, please call the Job Line at 303-677-6278. For more information, please contact NAF HRO at 303-677-6775.

Enjoy Christmas lunch at your
High Frontier Dining Facility
from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
on Thursday, December 25.
Enjoy this wonderful time to be with family and
let us handle the cooking and cleaning!

Eligible patrons include: enlisted & officers,
retirees and family members.

